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DATE: March 16, 1979
REPLY TO: POL - F. Allen Harris
ATTN OF:
SUBJECT: Clandestine Detention Camp

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SOURCE: Dr. José Westerkamp, Permanent Assembly

INFORMATION: During visit with his son who is a prisoner at the La Plata Prison, Westerkamp overheard conversations of two prisoners who stated that they had been held at a military facility which was located within five minutes' drive from the Quilmes main police station.

According to these prisoners, the barracks contained 700 prisoners some of whom had been detained for two to two and a half years. Most of the prisoners had their eyes blindfolded, some were crazy, continually talking to themselves, others had lost their eyesight. All were dressed in ragged clothing.

The prisoners related that they had been removed from this facility and taken to a medical type facility where they were well cared for and well fed for a period of about two weeks. At the conclusion of this rehabilitation, they were returned for one or two days to their previous place of confinement. They were then driven from their place of confinement to the Quilmes main police station where they were "arrested". The driving time was about five minutes from their detention facility to the police station where they were booked.

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Margaret P. Grafeld, Director

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